

11 June 1957

Proposed Inserts to Any Letter from the DCI
to Mr. CUTLER

1. In accordance with your letter dated 29 May 1957, my representatives have met with representatives designated by the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference. Following these discussions, it has been concluded that, under the present terms of reference, it is not possible to reconcile the position of this Agency with that maintained by representatives of the Chairman of the IIC. On the one hand, the proposed legislation appears to be totally unacceptable to the Chairman of the IIC, whereas the requirements of the Department of State and of this Agency are such that either legislation or an executive order is necessary if the minimum reliance may be placed on existing communications facilities. In order that the importance and scope of this requirement may be evaluated, I am attaching the pertinent relevant documents:

As Attachment A [your Tab B], I submit a list of CIA overseas stations with radio facilities which are active daily.

As Attachment B [your Tab C], CIA overseas stations with radio facilities for use during emergencies

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only and where intelligence requirements necessitate the planning for radio facilities of an emergency nature.

As Attachment C [your Tab E], I have listed a few significant examples wherein U.S. communications facilities were supplied during times of crisis by this Agency.

2. It will be seen that it is most difficult to determine with any accuracy the balance as between disadvantages and advantages from the intelligence viewpoint of the proposed legislation. Nevertheless, given the importance of the national interests involved, I wish to continue to probe and inquire into this question to see whether it will not be possible to come to some agreement with the Chairman of the IIC whereby his objections might be reconciled.

3. Under the existing circumstances, I request that the deadline of 17 June be postponed in order that this Agency can continue to see whether there are means other than legislation to effect reciprocity when required in the national interest.

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